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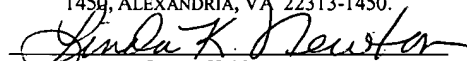
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Making a Braided Stent with  
Spherically Ended Wires

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Dear Sir:

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